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ISSUES NEW HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS;
BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS REPAIRED IN SOUTH CHINA, HAINAN

NEW REGULATIONS TO REMEDY FORMER DEFECTS -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 22 Jul 50

Peiping, 20 July (Hsin-hua) -- The Government Administration Council has approved for enforcement two sets of regulations drawn up by the Ministry of Communications. These are: (1) Provisional Regulations for Levying Assessments for Highway Maintenance and (2) Provisional Regulations Governing Highway Maintenance.

The defects of the regulations hitherto in force, which were carried over from the former KMT regime, are that they are not uniform throughout the country -- the public complains that they are complicated, causing delay to travelers and increasing the turnaround time of public conveyances -- that they impede the reciprocal flow of goods between city and country, and that they require for their administration an unduly large and expensive staff of collectors and inspectors and thus are wasteful of money and manpower.

The new regulations are based on the principle adopted by the Government Administration Council that those who use the roads should maintain them. They are designed to remedy the defects of the former regulations. The regulations combine in one organization the collecting and spending of funds. The amount spent will thus depend upon the amount collected.

REPAIR WU CHIANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 17 Jul 50

Chungking -- The rebuilding of the large steel bridge over the Wu Chiang on the Szechwan-Kweichow highway was completed on 15 May. This bridge, 110 meters long and 30 meters high, has three spans. The middle span is 55 meters long, and other two are 27.5 meters. The bridge, 17 feet wide, will sustain a maximum load of 20 tons. It took 700 workers and technicians from highway and railway bureaus in the Southwest 4½ months to complete the work.

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REPORTS HIGHWAY REPAIRS ON HAINAN--- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 22 Jul 50

Hai-k'ou -- Repairs to roadbeds and bridges on the Hai-k'ou--Na-ta highway on the west coast of Hainan Island were completed in July. Repairs on a bridge over the Hai-hai Ho were completed on 3 July and the others were finished by 6 July. The entire road will be opened for traffic on 24 July.

Having completed repairs on this highway, the Hainan Highway Control Bureau is planning to undertake repair work on highways on the east coast. Sections of the Yu-lin--Hai-k'ou highway are to be repaired first; these are located between San-men-p'o and Chia-chi, and between Lung-t'ang and T'un-ch'ang.

KWANGTUNG ISSUES HIGHWAY REGULATIONS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 26 Jul 50

The Kwangtung Provincial government has issued Communication Ordinance No 189 promulgating three sets of regulations, as follows:

1. Provisional regulations for the control of privately operated highways.
2. Provisional regulations governing the collection by private parties of tolls on privately constructed or maintained highways.
3. Provisional regulations governing the provision of compensation and inducements which may be granted to private parties who have invested or may invest funds in the construction and/or maintenance of highways.

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